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**Inspection Report**

Supervisor 10R2H

**Minerals Regulatory Program**

**Date of Report:** June 21, 2007

**Mine Name:** ITM

**Operator Name:** Lexco

**Permit number:** S0470035

**Inspection Date:** April 20, 2007

**Time:** 4:35-4:50 PM

**Inspector(s):** Paul Baker and Daron Haddock

**Other Participants:** None

**Mine Status:** Reclaimed

**Weather:** Partly cloudy, 50s

*Elements of Inspection*

	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Purpose of Inspection:**

We wanted to see how vegetation was progressing.

**Inspection Summary:**

**10. Revegetation**

Photo 2 is an view of a portion of the access road with Photo 1 being a closeup of part of the road. The mine site is shown in Photos 3 and 4.


The access road has a moderate amount of desirable vegetation, especially grasses with some fourwing saltbush and globemallow, but there is also a lot of cheatgrass. The mine area has even less desirable vegetation.

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The mine was reclaimed in a year when there was little rain and snow, and although the operator used good roughening techniques, it is not surprising how little vegetation has become established.

A few months ago, I spoke with Jim Lekas from Lexco about whether he would like to apply for having the site released. He said there is a chance the company may want to do some more mining and that they do not want it released.

While I did not measure vegetation cover, the site would not meet the criteria for release. If Lexco decides it no longer wants to mine in this area, I recommend that the area be reseeded. If the site will probably be re-disturbed, it would not make sense to reseed.

Inspector's Signature  Date: 6/25/07

PBB:pb

cc: Jim Lekas, Lexco  
Will Stokes, SITLA

Attachment: Photos

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## ATTACHMENT

### Photographs

S0470035, ITM Mine, Lexco

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Photo 1. A closeup of vegetation on the reclaimed road.



Photo 3. A view of a portion of the mine area.

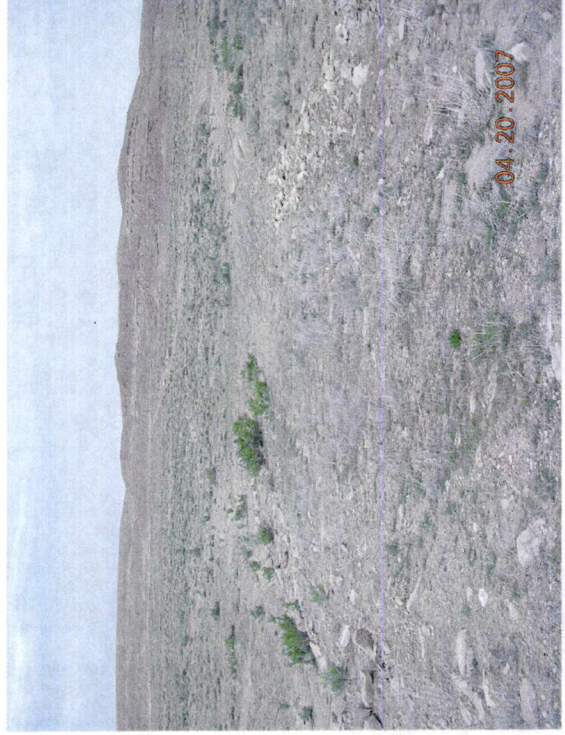


Photo 2. Overview of the reclaimed access road and some of the surrounding area.

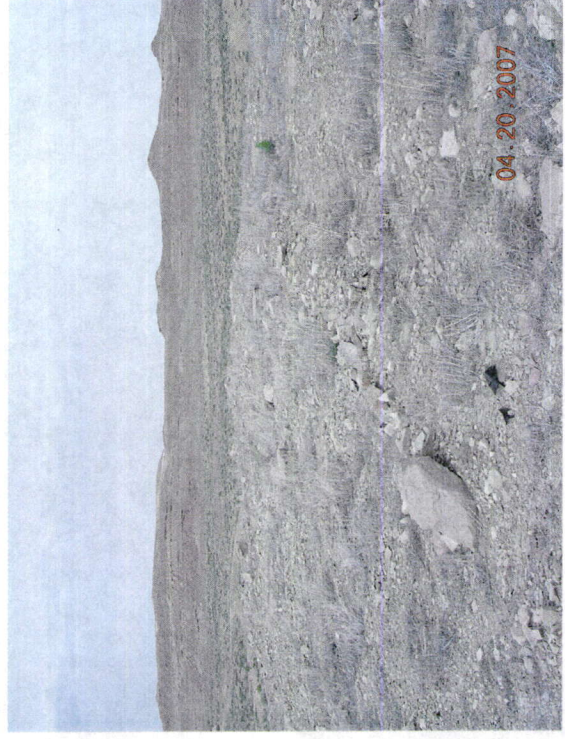


Photo 4. Another view of the mine area. Note how little perennial vegetation is present.